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1. [redacted] Called Marc Himmelstein, GSA, regarding the status of the Government travel amendments (H.R. 3575 and S. 172). Himmelstein expects final action within a couple of weeks and said the House bill will be just what the Administration wants.

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2. [redacted] Pat Yack, on the staff of Representative Alan Steelman (R., Texas), called and wanted to talk to someone about the Agency's classification program. He said he was preparing for Representative Steelman a bill establishing a statutory system of classification and he wanted an informal reaction from CIA before it was introduced. He gave me a brief rundown and I told him that it appeared quite similar to a number of bills that had been introduced in the last Congress. He acknowledged that he had drawn the language from these prior bills. I made clear to him that our comments on any legislation must be submitted through OMB. I agreed to stop by in the very near future, however, to brief him in general terms as to the nature of the Agency's classification program and the unique procedures to protect intelligence sources and methods. He understood that this would be only an informal chat.

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3. [redacted] Left with Jack Boos, Intelligence Subcommittee staff, House Armed Services Committee, a package of material concerning Representative Michael Harrington's (D., Mass.) appearance at an international conference in Mexico City, which discussed alleged U.S. intervention in Chile. The material had been requested by Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.) in his conversation with Mr. Cary on Friday evening, 14 March.

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4. [redacted] Met with Barbara Madsen, on the staff of Representative Don Bonker (D., Wash.), and provided her with some maps which she had previously requested. I also gave her a copy of the GPO listing of Agency produced maps. She accepted my apology for the delay in getting these materials to her. 25X1

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5. [REDACTED] Left with Susan Somers, Caseworker for Representative Robert E. Bauman (R., Md.), Mr. Cary's letter to the Representative of 17 March 1975 regarding [REDACTED]. The letter confirmed again that this Agency had no information that [REDACTED] was ever employed by CIA in any way.

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6. [REDACTED] Left with Rita Argenta, Secretary to Bill Hogan, Counsel, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, Mr. Cary's letter to Hogan dated 14 March 1975 confirming [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] Called Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, to alert him to the article in today's NID on Vietnam. I said he may want to get this item to the Chairman. McFadden said he would and he also pointed out there was a good article in Saturday's NID on SALT.

McFadden said he was still on the hook to brief Senators Culver, Leahy, and William Scott on SALT and would really prefer that Mr. Duckett do the briefing. He said he wasn't sure yet just exactly what the Senators wanted but would check with them and be back in touch. I told him Duckett would be happy to brief them.

I told McFadden that Chairman Stennis asked me last Wednesday to be sure to get the transcript of the Director's testimony before the Arms Control Subcommittee and keep it here in the Agency. McFadden said they

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McFadden said they were working on a response to Senator Frank Church's letter to Chairman Stennis requesting all information in the Committee's files on the Agency. He said the Chairman is very concerned about this. The staff is putting together some sort of inventory.

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